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MEMORANDUM TO: [REDACTED]

ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Comments on [REDACTED] 25X1X7 Documents

REFERENCE : Your memo Re. 66, 27 March 1959

25X1X7 1. Analysts of I/PH and I/PH make the following comments on the four [REDACTED] documents which you forwarded with reference memo for headquarters comments:

a. ~~Automobile Production in Poland (May 58) (SECRET)~~

This report is a generally satisfactory piece of work but is outdated in several respects. For example, the table of production and park on page 5 contains data which have been superseded by the Directives for Poland's Economic Development in 1959-65, as issued by the 12th Plenum of the Central Committee of PZPR on 23 October 1958. The planned production schedule was:

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1965</u>
Truck production is to be	19,000	30,500
Bus production is to be	2,200	3,600
Passenger car production is to be	20,000	37,000

According to these goals, the planned production of passenger cars and trucks for 1960 and 1965 has been cut drastically to a much more realistic level which could probably be attained by using existing plants.

The information on page 4 concerning plans for truck production has been superseded by new information that Star trucks are to be dieselized in the near future and that the new 1-ton trucks will also be of a diesel type. Planned production of diesel trucks is as follows:

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	1959	1960	1961
Star trucks with 100 horsepower, 6 cyl. diesel engines	0	6,000	10,000
Anton trucks with 150 horsepower, 6 cyl. diesel engines	1,000	3,000	5,000

(Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Advisory Committee on Export Policy Structure. AGIP Document No. 1441, 15 January 1959 - CONFIDENTIAL)

The production plans for the Lublin Motor Vehicle Plant are still not very clear, as described on page 7. However, according to recent information, the plant is to produce 1,000 one-ton pick-up trucks based on "Warsawa" chassis in 1959, and 2,500 to 3,000 in 1960. The present and future status of production of the Lublin-51 trucks is still uncertain. (Source: CIA. [REDACTED])

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- b. Notes on the Tractor Production of Poland. June 1958
(SECRET) This report accurately portrays the confusion which abounds in the Polish tractor industry. The figures used in this report are believed to be accurate. However, later information available to I/PE indicates that the Poles are planning to produce the following types of diesel-engined tractors in 1959-61:

	1959	1960	1961
25 horsepower, 4 cyl. 3-412 tractors	2,000	10,000	10,000
16 horsepower, 4 cyl. tractors and garden tractors	-	2,000	4,000

(Source: [REDACTED])

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- c. Notes on the Tractor Industry of East Germany. November 1953
(SECRET) I/PE is in essential agreement with this report which presents an excellent analysis of the tractor industry and its problems. All data which could be verified are in accord with information possessed by I/PE.
- d. The APV Production of Poland. June 1953 (SECRET)
I/PE considers this report to be quite good in most respects. The principal differences noted between the views expressed in the report and those held by I/PE are:
- (1) The labor force of 4,000 employees as expressed in the report is possibly too conservative. It is felt that the number is more likely to be 5-6,000 employees.
 - (2) Available reports indicate that prototype production of the T-34 tank began in the Spring of 1952 and that production for that year would not have exceeded the estimate in the report of 10 for 1951. The annual estimated rates of production carried by I/PE are 300-350 units during the years 1953-56 -- roughly 15% less than those in the report. The higher figures as expressed in the report could well be the more accurate.

The production estimates for non-military items and the nomenclature of items currently in production in these plants are in very close agreement with the views of I/PE except for the production rates of the KD-62 tractor and the plan to manufacture a light car at Labedy. No information has been seen concerning either of these subjects.

2. The [REDACTED] reports are returned herewith per your request.

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Attachments:

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Automobile Production in Poland. May 1953

Notes on the Tractor Production of Poland. June 1953

C.S. Notes on the Tractor Industry of East Germany. November 1953

The APV Production of Poland. June 1953

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